रेल लाइनें बिछाये जाने के कार्य में विलम्ब

*207 श्री इंस दत्त यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल लाइनों को दोहरी लाइन में बदलने के कार्य को जिसको प्राथमिकता-सूची में शामिल किया गया है, अधूरा छोड़ दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों की वे योजनायें क्या हैं और वे किन-किन क्षेत्रों में संबंधित हैं;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिये निर्धारित समय-सीमा क्या है और इस संबंध में विलंब के क्या कारण हैं तथा इस विलंब के कारण लागत में कितनी बढ़ोतरी हुई है ; और

(घ) उक्त परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या समय-बद्ध कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के०जाफर शरीफ): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Criteria for filling up posts in UT Administrations, Chandigarh

*208. Shri S. S. SURJEWALA. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for filling up the posts and various postings in the administrative, police, judicial and ministerial services in the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh;

(b) what is the ratio to fill up the vacancies from Haryana Government staff and what is the backlog not yet filled up for the above services from the Haryana State;

(c) whether Government propose to clear this backlog; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The posts in the Administrative and ministerial services in the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh are filled up in accordance with the recruitment rules for each category of post. The postings are made as per the administrative requirements.

The Union Territory has no cadre of Judicial Officers of its own and, as such, all the Judicial Officers are taken on deputation from the States of Punjab or Haryana.

(b) to (d) The Punjab Reorganisation Act does not lay down a ratio or prescribe the percentage of posts to be filled up on deputation from Haryana and Punjab in the Chandigarh Union Territory. The percentage of posts (ranging approximately from 30 to 40 per cent) held by the State of Haryana in 1966 in the Union Territory of Chandigarh continue to be maintained. The posts on deputation are filled up while giving due consideration to the promotional opportunities of the Union Territory employees. Since a ratio has not been laid down, the question of backlog does not arise

*209. [*Transferred to 17th March, 1994*)

Bilateral talks between India and Pakistan over Kashmir

*210. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the Indian Express dated 9th January, 1994 the US Administration has suggested that

the procedure for taking the views of the Kashmiri people into account, should come out of the bilateral talks between India and Pakistan; and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Press-guidance on South Asia issued by US-Administration in response to controversy about President Clinton's letter to a Pro-Pakistani Kashmiri militants outfit; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Government have noted the clarification issued by the State Department. Government reiterate that Jammu and Kashmir is and shall remain an integral part of India; Government is ready to pursue bilateral dialogue with Pakistan to resolve peacefully all outstanding disputes in the framework of the Simla Agreement. Government remain alert to all development which impact on India's national interest and are committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial unity and integrity.

States recording maximum issuance of passports

*211. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the first five States from maximum number of passports were issued during the last three years and what is the number of passport so issued;

(b) what are the reasons for such high issuance of passports;

(c) whether Government have received complaints of delay and harassment in these States; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce delays and harassments?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINTSH SINGH): (a) statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The number of applications received from States has been high and Government have made efforts to increase the output of passports.

(c) and (d) Government receive complaints about matters relating to passport issue including delay and harassment from these and other States. Specific complaints of harassment are investigated and when necessary appropriate necessary action is taken Government have taken a number of steps to reduce delays and expedite the issue of passports which, inter alia, include augmentation of staff strength, increase in the supply of passport booklets, streamlining of procedures and the introduction of a productivity linked incentive scheme.